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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Appointments in the District Court of Kurnool.

* 1637 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state in reference to answer given on 1st November 1927 to Question No. 1022 regarding the appointments in the District Court of Kurnool—

(*a*) what the number of appointments from the Tamil districts was ; and

(*b*) whether any attempt was made to get local people for these places and whether it failed ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Only 2 appointments out of 34 were given to men from Tamil districts. This was done for special reasons.

Mr. D. Thomas :—" May I know if there is any Government rule that only local people should be appointed to local posts ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" One we had already got for some considerable time. The other was appointed because on applications invited, he was found to be satisfactory."

Mr. D. Thomas :—" My question was if there is any Government rule limiting the appointment to local people ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" There is no rule."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know if the appointments are not reserved for Telugu-speaking people of the Ceded districts ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" So far as I am aware there is no rule reserving any appointment to the people of a locality."

Irrigation

Diversion of the surplus water from Otteri tank.

* 1638 *Q.* – Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that a lot of surplus water from Otteri tank in Vellore is running to waste ; and